

ORDER CAVALRY
TO CROSS LINE

Half of Troops Stationed at
Columbus Is Ordered to
Reinforce Pershing.

Columbus, N. M., April 28.—Marching orders were received today by approximately one-half of the (deleted) soldiers on station here. The troops which will probably cross the border to reinforce Gen. J. J. Pershing late this afternoon, are largely cavalry, but one battalion of infantry being under orders.

While no official information as to the destination of the troops was available here, it is believed they are to be stationed along the American line of communications, extending from Columbus to San Antonio, about 225 miles south of the frontier.

Military officers said, however, that there is no connection between the impending dispatch of the reinforcements and the reported arrival of four trainloads of Carranza soldiers in the Guerrero district.

SALAZAR WOULD FORCE U. S.
INTERVENTION IN MEXICO

The movements of Gen. Jose Ynes Salazar in Mexico, some 20 miles below the border at Sierra Blanca, are causing considerable apprehension among the Constitutionalist authorities as to what Salazar has in mind. On Thursday, Salazar with his band of men, not over 50 at the most, left the Hacienda la Main in a southerly direction toward Pecos. The course is one that leads to Ojinaga.

Salazar is not recruiting many men in northeastern Chihuahua, as the country is largely barren and men are about as scarce as livestock.

The general view is that Salazar is committed to a program of intervention and that his sole mission in Chihuahua at this time is to prompt acts of violence that would send in additional American forces by way of Ojinaga or thereabouts on the border.

U. S. CONFEREES
ARE ON THE WAY

Gen. Scott and Funston En
Route West; Funston May
Visit Pershing's Forces.

San Antonio, Texas, April 28.—Army officers believe Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston will make an effort to visit field headquarters in Mexico following the conference with Gen. Obregon.

Accompanied by Gen. Frederick Funston, Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, left here at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night for El Paso. With them went their respective aides.

Just what Gen. Scott and Funston will discuss with Gen. Obregon and just what preparations they will make, are unknown here. It was assumed that Gen. Obregon has received special instructions from his government to guide him in the conference. Little credence was given the unofficial report that Gen. Obregon was prepared to demand that a definite time be set for the withdrawal of the American troops.

Series of Conferences.

It was not anticipated by Gen. Scott and Funston that all would be adjusted after one brief talk with Gen. Obregon. It was regarded as more likely that the first conference would be merely one of a series and that the intervals might be long enough for both Gen. Obregon and Gen. Scott to communicate with their respective governments regarding the various suggestions as they were made. Gen. Scott has no plenary powers and it is believed that Gen. Obregon has no authority to enter an agreement without first submitting it to Carranza.

It was believed here that the conference probably would take place in Juarez, the Mexican town opposite El Paso. It is understood that the United States government has no objection to Gen. Scott and Funston meeting the Mexican representative on Mexican soil and it was realized that Gen. Obregon might not care to carry on the discussion on American soil.

BANDITS ARE
SURRENDERING

Torreón Is Reported Quiet;
Conditions There and in
Durango Improved.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—Many revolutionary bands in the Laguna district and the eastern part of Durango, Mexico, are reported in dispatches to the state department today to have surrendered to the Carranza government.

"The department," said an official announcement, "is in receipt of telegraphic reports stating that it is reliably advised that since the arrival at Torreón of Gen. Jacinto Trevino conditions have greatly improved in the Laguna district. Good order is said to have been restored there and in the eastern portion of Durango. In these sections many Villa or revolutionary bands are reported to have surrendered to the de facto government. Spaniards, Guaymas and Tepicohampo, on the west coast, are reported quiet.

Americans Far South.

"The department is informed that about the middle of April there were 15 Americans, including three women and four children, in Progresso, and eight Americans, including one woman, in Merida, state of Yucatan. In addition to these Americans, there were other foreigners as follows: Spaniards and Cubans, several hundred; Germans, 12; English, four; Porto Ricans, 200.

"The department is in receipt of an official report stating that conditions at Tampico are much improved. A mail dispatch from Aguascalientes states that two American citizens and two British subjects left Zacatecas on April 18 and that only about six foreigners remained in that district.

Over 5000 persons are killed and 50,000 are injured annually as a result of fire in the United States.

OBREGON IS HERE
TO MEET SCOTT

Mexican General and Party
Reach Border on Special Train.

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tensively," he said. "Those are issues of the consideration of the conference."

"What is the conference to be about, Gen. Obregon?"

"I cannot say very much as to the conference until Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston arrive."

"It is reported that the American troops are to remain in Mexico."

"I have no knowledge of that," said the general.

"How long will you remain on the border?"

"I cannot say how many days the conference will require."

"What of Carranza's ability to cope with the bandit problem?"

"There is no longer a bandit problem in Chihuahua state," said Gen. Obregon. "There are still bands of bandits in Durango and Coahuila. We will eliminate them in time."

Does Not Think Villa Dead.

"Do you think Villa to be dead?"

"No, I do not think he is dead," answered the general. "I believe he is badly wounded."

"Where then do you think he is?"

"In the northwestern part of the Sierras—likely near the Sonora and Sinaloa line."

"Will your troops be able to capture or kill him?"

"It is not a question of troops," said the general. "Now it is only a question of a hunt, not a campaign. There is no need for a great column of troops to catch a single man."

Gen. Obregon stated that he awaited instructions from his government as to the principal points of the conference and intimated that his part in the meeting would reflect not only the views of Gen. Carranza but also the views of ambassador Arredondo in Washington.

In Accord With Carranza.

When questioned as to any break or difference with Gen. Carranza, Gen. Obregon laughed. "I am very earnest," he said, "that there has been no difference between the first chief and myself and that there is no reason for there being any."

"I wish to emphatically deny the inventions of the American yellow press who insinuate that there is friction between myself and Gen. Carranza. I wish to state that there is perfect harmony between all chiefs of the Constitutionalist cause. I am here to convince the American representatives that our army is more than amply sufficient to finish up the small bunches of Villista bandits still at large outside the law and hope to arrange the prompt retirement of the American troops into their own country."

Villa's Deal.

In connection with Gen. Obregon's statement of loyalty to Gen. Carranza and denial of friction among officers, the following message dated June 18, 1914, from Francisco Villa, then at Torreón, to his El Paso representative, is of interest:

"In answer to your message of yesterday my reply is that you can deny categorically that there exists any difference between Carranza and myself; we are fighting side by side against the usurpation of government."

Concerning the arrests said to have been made in Juarez, you yourself better than anyone else know that these stories are to be trusted as false; there have been no such arrests, and the only reason for transferring the office to Chihuahua, was to serve the convenience of our cause. These declarations ought to be given to the press, because they are the truth of the matter. I salute you.

"The General in Chief," Francisco Villa.

"Are you satisfied, Gen. Obregon, with the conduct of the American troops in Mexico?" the general was asked.

"I would not care to discuss these points," came the reply.

"Can you state for us whether or not a silver standard is to be established in Mexico and the fiat money to be repudiated?"

"I have no views on that issue. That is a question for the treasury department and senior Luis Cabrera is the holder of that portfolio. I should suggest that you confer with him."

Gen. Obregon is surrounded by many of the military dignitaries of Mexico. In his party were: Gov. Yanez, C. Enriquez, governor of Chihuahua; Gen. R. Valdez, chief of escort; Gen. Jacinto R. Trevino, commander of the army of the northwest; and Gen. Jose Saenz, chief of staff. Maj. J. M. Carpio, Capt. A. Gaxiola and Capt. A. Saracho.

Herrera Is Loyal.

Arriving on the military train, and presumably coming to the border to demonstrate the loyalty of the Herrera family to the constitutional cause, was Jose de la Luz Herrera, mayor of Parral, who suffered many indignities at Parral during the trouble between the populace of that town and the American troops. Senor Herrera is the father of Gen. Luis Herrera now stationed at Parral and through an interpreter, he said:

"It is unfortunate to shoulder my son with stories of defection. He is very loyal to the constitutional cause and to his first chief, Gen. Carranza."

Met By Leading Citizens.

The minister of war was met at the railway station by Gen. Gabriel Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, and his staff. Andres Garcia, Mexican consul in El Paso, mayor M. M. Prieto, of Juarez; Santiago Gonzalez y Casavantes and his staff. A waiting automobile conveyed Gen. Obregon to the custom house, where a reception was held. The car passed through a long line of infantrymen whose guns were at salute and the passage was accelerated by the brisk beating of drums and the triumphant blowing of horns.

Within the custom house, Gen. Obregon conversed very intimately with Gen. Gavira and consul Garcia. At his right sat Gen. Jacinto R. Trevino. The military were gathered about in groups in the high arched chamber and general greetings took place between the officers of the Juarez garrison and the officers accompanying Gen. Obregon.

An Unusual Scene.

The scene was an unusual one. Looking down from three walls were the paintings of Francisco Madero, the patriot, Benito Juarez, and the liberator, Miguel Hidalgo. The presence of old brand, of dashing swords swinging from the belts of the young officers, the extreme courtesy and deference that marked the arrival of a new official, all gave a coloring to the situation that marked it with its own.

The intense conversation of the group of four representative men who will participate in the conference soon gave way to a lighter vein. The minister of war, arms, others approached him. General Garcia locked arms with Gen. Trevino and together they walked up and down the green stretches of carpet outside the band that had played so joyously at the entrance of the train into the station yard, still played brightly and vivaciously things. The crowds outside of the custom house multiplied.

Three Brides In Party.

Gov. Yanez, tall, young, pleasant mannered, conversed energetically with Manuel Prieto, mayor of Juarez; Maj. J. M. Carpio imparted to his friends that he had no longer reached the city of Mexico on his bride's trip than he found instructions awaiting him to return at once to the border. "I was in Mexico City but two hours," he said, "and I brought Mrs. Carpio along."

Then came the information that in Gen. Obregon's private car are three brides—his own, the bride of Col. Saenz and Mrs. Carpio.

Disappointment was expressed that

Gen. Gutierrez had met with an accident to his train and had been marooned on the bald prairie.

"He will be here soon," said Maj. Carpio. "We have sent an engine out to bring him in."

Obregon Carries Own Car.

The train bearing the Obregon party to Juarez was of a nondescript character. It consisted of box cars, flat cars, coal cars, passenger coaches and private cars. Upon the flat car was the big gray touring automobile which Gen. Obregon will use in his visits to and from El Paso. It was taken from the flat car shortly after the train arrived. Later it appeared before the custom house, somewhat dusty for the long trip, but a car with very dignified lines for all that.

There was no special brilliancy attached to the reception either at the railway station or the custom house. It was informal and democratic and the only color that could be infused into the sea of gray-clad men were the touches of gold braid.

The Flag of Mexico.

At intervals in the line of guards which marked the course of the march from the station to the custom house was the flag of Mexico. These were raised high as the minister of war, dressed and later rank to the level of the dusky hats of the men. No flag floated from the custom house flag-staff, though a silk flag of the tricolors stood upon a standard at the approach.

Following the reception at the custom house, Gen. Obregon and the members of his party returned to the train

which brought them to the border, where dinner was served. They were accompanied by Gen. Gavira and consul Garcia. If the conference begins to assume an amicable character, it is very likely that there will be a general exodus of the officers from Gen. Obregon on down, to the El Paso side for food and lodgings, as the accommodations in Juarez are strictly on a war basis.

To Drive Out Malaria and Build Up The System.

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